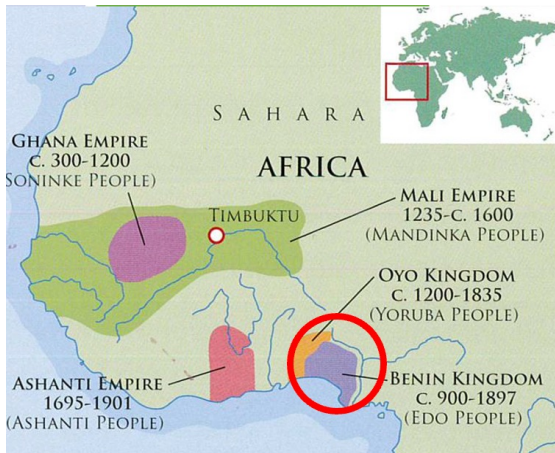


I should already know...

- Where the Anglo –Saxons, Ancient Egypt and Rome fit on a timeline
- That Africa is a continent mostly in the Southern Hemisphere.
- A **primary source** is created at the time of the study and a **secondary source** is created after it

Location of the Kingdom of Benin

Benin city is the location of the ancient Kingdom of Benin. It is located in Nigeria, which is in the west of Africa. The Ancient Kingdom of Benin is NOT located in the modern country of Benin, this is a different country in Africa.



By the end of this unit I will:

- Understand how the Kingdom of Benin was formed
- Know why Europeans were interested in Benin
- Understand the importance of Eweka's story
- Build knowledge of Benin using artefacts
- Be able to give opinions on the Benin Bronzes

People of significance:

- Oba Eweka** The first oba, or king, in Benin was Eweka. He was the son of the prince from Ife. The kingdom reached its greatest power and size under Oba Ewuare the Great. He expanded the kingdom and improved the capital, present-day Benin City.



Key Vocabulary

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Ogiso | The title used by the early rulers of Igodomigodo. It means 'kings of the sky'. It is thought that there were around 31 Ogiso rulers. |
| Oba | The title used by Eweka and subsequent rulers. Eweka was from the Yoruba people and Oba is the Yoruba word for 'king'. |
| Edo | The name given to the Kingdom of Igodomigodo by Oba Eweka. The people also became known as the Edo people. |
| Yoruba | The name of the people from the holy city of Ife. The histories of the Edo and Yoruba people are closely linked. |
| Kingdom | a country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen |
| trade | an exchange of goods (and/or services) in return for other goods and services or money |
| artefact | an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest |

Ogiso Dynasty**AD 1180****Eweka becomes Oba.**

Benin becomes very powerful, conquering many lands.

European traders come to Benin during the rule of Oba Ewuare and **Egisie**.**1000****1100****1200****1300****1400****1500****1600**